



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held November 25, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Yaroslavsky and Antonovich:

“Timely response to mental health emergencies in the community is important in order to ensure access to treatment and public safety. Psychiatric Mobile Response Teams (PMRT) operated by the Department of Mental Health (DMH), are a major component of this response. PMRT’s provide emergency field assessment, crisis counseling and referrals for individuals with mental health problems. PMRT personnel can involuntarily detain and transport individuals to available Lanterman Petris Short Act (LPS) designated facilities (facilities that provide locked mental health care) for further assessment and possible inpatient admission, under the provisions of Welfare and Institutions Code 5150 when assessment indicates a need. Limited LPS designated facility capacity has been a long-term challenge.”

Therefore, at the request of Supervisor Antonovich, Marvin J. Southard, Director of Mental Health, presented a report to the Board on the current situation and issues regarding transporting individuals detained under Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5150 to Lanterman Petris Short Act (LPS) designated facilities (facilities that provide locked mental health care) for evaluation; and on the Department’s plans for resolving the limited LPS designated facility capacity.

Arnold Sachs addressed the Board.

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, the Board accepted the Director of Mental Health’s verbal report.

Later in the meeting, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried, the Board reconsidered the foregoing motion to allow a member of the public to speak.

Jaime Garcia addressed the Board.

After further discussion, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, the Board accepted the Director of Mental Health’s verbal report.

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